

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

CPG #NM-1283

Application of Carl Ferenbach for an Amended     )  
Certificate of Public Good for an interconnected     )  
group net-metered photovoltaic electric power     )  
system     )

Order entered: 10/3/2011

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This case involves an application filed by Carl Ferenbach ("Applicant") on August 22, 2011, requesting an Amended Certificate of Public Good ("CPG") pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") Rule 5.100 for a net metering system. On February 3, 2011, the Board issued a CPG to the Applicant for a net metering system that is a group system that utilizes a photovoltaic system with a system-rated capacity of 6.555 kW AC, located at 1880 Deer Valley Road in Townsend, Vermont. On August 10, 2011, the Board issued an Amended CPG to the Applicant to reflect the addition of a second photovoltaic system with a system-rated capacity of 5.8049 kW AC, to be located at 528 Meadowbrook Road in Brattleboro, Vermont. The Applicant is now seeking another amendment to the CPG to reflect an increase in the system-rated capacity at the Brattleboro location, from 5.8049 kW AC to 20.0929 kW AC, an increase of 14.288 kW AC, while the Townsend facility will remain unchanged. The amended group system will have a total system-rated capacity of 26.6479 kW AC, comprising 6.555 kW AC at the Townsend facility and 20.0929 at the Brattleboro facility, and will include five electric meters.

Notice of the application in this docket was sent to all parties as specified in the Board's Rule 5.100. The notice stated that any party wishing to submit comments or request a hearing in this matter needed to file comments with the Board within ten (10) days of the date that the notice of the application was sent.

No comments have been received.

The Board has reviewed the application and accompanying documents and agrees that, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248 and the Board's Rule 5.100, a CPG should be issued without further investigation or hearing.

## **II. FINDINGS**

Based upon the application and its accompanying documents, the Board makes the following findings in this matter.

1. The proposed group net metering project will be located on property owned by the Applicant at 1880 Deer Valley Road in Townsend, Vermont, and 528 Meadowbrook Road in Brattleboro, Vermont. Application at Section 1.

2. The proposed net metering facility is to be erected on an existing structure. Application at Section 4.

3. The proposed group system consists of three photovoltaic systems with a total system-rated power output of 26.6479 kW AC, comprising the previously approved 6.555 kW AC and 5.8049 kW AC, in Townsend and Brattleboro, respectively, and the newly proposed 14.288 kW AC, also to be located at the Brattleboro location, for a total of 20.0929 kW AC at the Brattleboro location. The facilities will be interconnected with the Central Vermont Public Service Corporation electrical distribution system. Application at Section 4 and attachment.

4. Applicant has specified the five meters to be included in the group system by account number and location. Applicant has also provided a method for adding or removing meters included in the group system. Application at Section 7 and attachments.

5. Applicant has designated Norman Flynn as the person responsible for receiving all communications regarding the group system. Application at Section 7.

6. All disputes among users of the group system shall be resolved by Norman Flynn. Application at Section 7.

7. Applicant has certified that the project is in compliance with all of the provisions of Sections 3 and 8 of the application. Based on these submissions, we conclude that the project does not raise a significant issue with respect to the environmental criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248. Application at Sections 3 and 8 and attachments.

8. Applicant has certified compliance with the insurance requirements as set forth in Section 3 of the application. Application at Section 3.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

In Docket No. 6181,<sup>1</sup> the Board developed a net metering program in accordance with the statutory requirements of 30 V.S.A. § 219a. This program was further refined by the Board with the adoption of Board Rule 5.100. The goals of the Order and Rule are to encourage private investment in renewable energy resources, stimulate the economic growth of the state and enhance the continued diversification of energy sources used in Vermont. The standards and requirements adopted in the Order and Rule have been determined by the Board to protect public safety and system reliability.

Based upon the findings and evidence, the proposed net metering project will be in compliance with the requirements of the Board's Order in Docket No. 6181 and Rule 5.100, the application does not raise a significant issue with respect to the substantive criteria of 30 V.S.A. § 248, and the proposed project will promote the general good of the state.

### **IV. ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Public Service Board of the State of Vermont that the group net metering system, as amended and in accordance with the evidence and plans submitted in this proceeding, will promote the general good of the State of Vermont pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 219a, and an Amended Certificate of Public Good to that effect shall be issued in this matter, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 219a and 248.

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1. *Investigation into the Use of A Net Metering System for the Purchase and Sale of Electricity from Small Electrical Generating Systems to and from Electric Companies*, Docket No. 6181, April 21, 1999.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2011.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

Filed: October 3, 2011

Attest: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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